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SUBJECT: DANCER JUDITH JAMISON

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1. POST REPRESENTATIVE MET TODAY WITH ARIA OFFICIALS TO DISCUSS
TERMS OF JAMISON VISIT. EVEN WHEN INFORMED OF GENEROUS DEPARTMENT
SUPPORT (\$1,000) ARIA RELUCTANTLY REPLIED THAT PLAN TO HAVE JAMISON
PERFORM IN OPERA (MOST FITTING LOCATION) WAS IMPOSSIBLE BECAUSE OF
LIMITED OPERA BUDGET. THEY ARE NOW SEEKING POSSIBILITIES OF
HAVING JAMISON PERFORM IN SALA PALATULUI (SEATING 3,000) WHERE
GRACE BUMBRY PERFORMED) POSSIBLY AS PART OF PROGRAM INVOLVING
OTHER FORMS OF MUSIC AND DANCE. THEY WERE UNSPECIFIC AS TO EXACT
NATURE OF PERFORMANCE BUT SEEMED TO FEEL THAT DESPITE JAMISON'S
GENEROUS OFFER OF PERFORMING BOTH NUMBERS ON SAME PROGRAM THAT
TOTAL TIME (32 MINUTES) IN AND OF ITSELF WOULD NOT CONSTITUTE
FULL PROGRAM AND THEREFORE JAMISON DANCES SHOULD BE PART OF LARGER
PROGRAM. ARIA SAID THEY WOULD ADVISE POST OF POSSIBILITIES
WITHIN NEXT SEVEN DAYS. POST PREPARED TO OFFER TO PAY FROM GOE
COSTS OF TRAVEL AND UNIONHTIGHTING FEE AS FURTHER INDUCEMENTS
BOTH BECAUSE OF JAMISON QUALITY AND BECAUSE THIS COULD BE
CONSIDERED PRIME U S CONTRIBUTION TO ROMANIAN CENTENNIAL. IF
THIS OFFER ACCEPTED THEN ARIA WOULD BE RESPONSIBLE FOR \$1,500
OF FEE AND TWO DAYS PER DIEM AND HOTEL COSTS. WILL ADVISE WHEN
ARIA RESPONDS.

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2. ARIA REPEATED OFT-EXPRESSED WISH OF BRINGING IN MAJOR AMERICAN MUSICAL ATTRACTION SUCH AS HARRY BELAFONTE. THEY ARE NOW IN TOUCH WITH BELAFONTE'S AGENT AND POST IS ALMOST CERTAIN THAT AFTER DATES AND FEES ARE DISCUSSED ARIA WILL THEN REQUEST POST ASSISTANCE. POST WELL AWARE OF CU FINANCIAL SITUATION AND ALSO ENORMOUS COST OF PRESENTING BELAFONTE TROUPE BUT WE DID WANT TO APPRISE YOU WELL IN ADVANCE THAT PARTICULARLY WITH ROMANIAN CENTENNIAL APPROACHING ARIA WILL BE ASKING FOR "SPECIAL" CONSIDERATIONS. POST WILL ATTEMPT TO KEEP THEIR HORIZONS REALISTIC BUT WILL SEEK WITH CU (PARTICULARLY IF JAMISON PERFORMANCE FALLS THROUGH) ADEQUATE AMERICAN CULTURAL PRESENTATION DURING CENTENNIAL FESTIVITIES. ANY CU SUGGESTIONS AS TO SOLO OR GROUP PERFORMERS IN ANY FIELD OF MUSIC WOULD BE APPRECIATED. MAJOR CULTURAL PROGRAM WILL BE HELD IN SPRIHR. OWRNES

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